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First, for full disclosure, I am a Microsoft employee. Yes, I have personal a stake in this decision, and I'm sure our critics would say I have no right to comment because of that. But I am also a US citizen and tax payer. And because I'm here, on the inside so to speak, I know what I read in the news about Microsoft is bunk. We are not mad people interested in dominating the world economy as our competitors like to say. We're just average folk. We have kids and homes, and dreams. We want America to be best it can be. We want our kids to have a future, where fairness and work are still American virtues.

For the past few years, I have felt like I've been living in the Soviet Union of the 60's. My own government was attacking me and my family. Finally things have changed and the DOJ has regained some sanity. Please don't let Sun, Oracle and AOL poison the first positive steps to get beyond this mess. They are not motivated to compete on price, quality or features as long as they enjoy government protection. If they want to remain competitive then make them do it the way we do it every day of every week - through hard work.